THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) 19 motor coaches are programmed for manufacture at ICF in 1991-92 for metre gauge suburban section of Southern Railway.

Cancellation of Varanasi-Hatia Express

4536. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Varanasi-Hatia bi-weekly express train has been cancelled and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any alternate train facility has been provided; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. Due to extremely poor patronisation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Modification of AC-II Class

4537. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to replace AC First Class with AC II Class (2 Tier);

(b) whether there is also any scheme to modify the model of AC II Class (2 Tier) compartment to provide more privacy and security to women passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the M. G. A. C. II Class (2 Tier) coaches sliding doors have been provided in the cabines. On BG AC II Class (2 Tier) coaches, however, curtains have been provided as due to the provision of aisle side longitudinal berths, sliding doors cannot be accommodated.

There is no proposal to modify these arrangements.

[Translation]

Reservation Quota for Kanpur

4538. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have curtailed the reservation quota of Kanpur in Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the present quota of Kanpur in A.C.2 tier and chair car in this train;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the present quota; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reservation quota at Kanpur has been reduced by 2 AC Sleeper berths and 5 AC Chair Car seats by 2302 UP Rajdhani Express train. The quota available at present at Kanpur is as under:—

	2301DN	2302DN
AC 2—tier	Nil	4
AC Chair Car	20	15

(c) No. Sir.

(d) 2301/2302 Rajdhani Express trains are primarily meant for clearing inter-city through traffic between New Delhi and Howrah. Moreover, the existing quota at Kanpur is adequate to meet the present level of demand.

Tourist Sports in Chittor, A.P.

[English]

4540. SHRI M. GNANENDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to develop tourist spots in Chittor district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A project for construction of a Tourist Bungalow at Thalakonda in chittor district has been sanctioned by the Central Department of Tourism during 1991-92.

LPG Agencies in Goa

4541. SHRI HARSH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the LPG agencies in Goa;

(b) the number, out of them allotted to SC/ST, handicapped and freedom fighters, separately; and

(c) the number of LPG agencies proposed to be allotted during 1991-92, category-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI B. SHANKARANANA) : (a) and (b) As on 1-4-91 there were 28 LPG distributorship including 8 in the reserved categories in Goa.

(c) LPG distributorships are opened in different cities as per marketing plans and poliy from time to time.

Ban on Recruitment in ONGC

4542. SHRI BHUVAN CHANDRA KHANDURI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of technical and non-technical staff at present in the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) whether recruitment of non-technical staff is banned in the ONGC since 1985;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when such a ban is likely to be lifted ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) As on 1-4-1991, there were 31,066 technical and 17,132 non-technical employees.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.